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3. Saxony-Anhalt in 1938 harvested 290 kilograms of beet sugar per hectare, an average of about 288 kilograms in the war years, and in 1946 only about sixty-six percent of the latter figure.
4. Poor harvests in the first place are attributed to inappropriate orders from regional headquarters. In many cases, an increase in amounts for delivery was arbitrarily imposed by Russian commandants. With crop and delivery arrangements thus disrupted, seed grain was collected. Requisitions up to 100 percent of the harvest were set for 5 September or 1 November 1946. In some places where a hundred percent delivery of turnips and potatoes was demanded and carried out, the peasants had to be furnished with bread cards.
5. Seriously short harvests reached only twenty-two, twenty-three, forty, or fifty percent of prescribed deliveries. The principal causes of shortages were the seizure of seedcorn stocks, turnip plants, and vegetables, and the reaping of seedgrain fields for consumption purposes. A second cause was the damage to grain occasioned by the fact that loading of grain had to be carried on during the rainy season as well as after threshing. The arbitrary harvesting of sugar beets before the potato harvest had a disadvantageous effect on the growth of the sugar beets. As a result of the seizure of seedgrain, the winter planting was short. Also because of the shifting of threshing to the time of the autumn planting, in some places up to fifty percent of the soil had to be left uncultivated. In consequence of orders incompatible with the climate, the hoeing crops (potatoes, turnips, and cabbages) were endangered by the incidence of night frosts.
6. The lack of tractive power appeared in one official district in Kreis Neubrandenburg-Mecklenburg in the following comparison:

Normal condition of tractive power	Current available tractive power
15 Steam power (Dampfsätze)	4 Steam power
2000 Horses	700 Horses
200 Tractors.	25 Tractors

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